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RE: Comments on the Microsoft Proposed Settlement Agreement

Dear Ms. Hesse:

Recently, Microsoft Corporation entered into a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice that will stimulate greater competition in the high-tech industry. The sanctions imposed upon Microsoft will provide consumers with more choices while maintaining the stability of Microsoft as a company and important economic player.

Given the recent economic downturn experienced by Massachusetts and the nation as a whole, the settlement agreement between Microsoft and the U.S. Department of Justice comes at a time when stability in the marketplace is sorely needed.

I am satisfied with the efforts of all of the parties in bringing this case to a meaningful conclusion. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Frederick E. Berry
State Senator